

WHO PROTECTS THE GAMBLERS?

"Little Monte Carlo" Proprietors Preparing for a Permanent Stay.

A LICENSED SALOON ADDED.

Now Capt. Meakin Sent Men in Uniform to Procure Evidence When Compelled to Act.

HERE'S PROOF FOR THE SHERIFF.

"The Evening World" Easily Secures Evidence Johnson Cannot Get.

That the men who run the big pool-room known as "Little Monte Carlo," across the city line in Westchester County, are convinced that they have silenced all official opposition, is evident from their movements during the past few days. They have a score of carpenters at work altering the barn-like building. They are putting seats all over the fenced in plot which surrounds it, and they have already opened up a liquor store and restaurant within the inclosure. Evidently the pool-room men think they have come to stay.

The same "influence" which enables them to defy the residents and property owners in the vicinity enabled them to obtain a license for the saloon. The latter is only a frame building, but the bar is big enough to accommodate half a dozen bartenders and as many waiters. The latter had their hands full yesterday supplying the needs of the 1,200 or more of people who went up to "play the races."

Outside of the law-breakers themselves, and the officials who seem unable or unwilling to arrest them, the majority of people seem to think that the gamblers will yet be driven from the place. Among the number is the Rev. Father McMahon, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of West Farms. He is chairman of the Committee of Property Owners and Residents of the Amherst District, created for the purpose of stopping the evil.

"We have been at work on the case from the day the pool-room opened," Father McMahon said to an "Evening World" reporter yesterday, "and we are going to keep on until we drive them out of the place. It is an outrage that they have been allowed to run so long. Capt. Meakin, of the Westchester, as well as Sheriff Johnson, of Westchester, are equally responsible."

Back of the opening of the pool-room and the lake raid made upon it one week ago lies an interesting story, which so far has been carefully suppressed. When the Rev. Father McMahon and the Rev. Dr. C. J. Hendricks, of the Episcopal Church of Westchester Village, went on the warpath a week ago, Sheriff Johnson, with District Attorney Platt, called upon Capt. Meakin, of the Tremont station, to make arrangements for a raid. Mr. Platt declared that the New York police had jurisdiction, as the pool-room was within 100 yards of the boundary line. They called on Capt. Meakin to aid them in the raid, and after much hesitation, as claimed, he consented to do so.

It was decided first to secure evidence, that is, to send men into the pool-room to make bets. It was then that Capt. Meakin's ingenuity came into play. Instead of getting men in citizen's dress, he called in six officers in full uniform and sent them down to the place.

Every one knows that a mile away, an officer was recognized as such, as each of them carried a "Little Monte Carlo" badge. When they got to the West Farms bridge "Little Monte Carlo" was closed.

It was the very next day that Sheriff Johnson was sent with four deputies prowling about the place. In these language he told an "Evening World" reporter that he would not allow the pool-room to run. He said it was hard to get evidence, as the men were known, but that he would get evidence or die in the attempt. He also blamed the New York police, and said it was as much their business as his to close up the gambling den.

The pool-room did not do any business that day, but a peculiar thing happened shortly after noon. Capt. Meakin paid a visit to the Rev. Father McMahon and held a consultation with him in reference to the gambling. The pastor did not mince words in telling him what he thought. He said the place



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would have to close up, as not only was it a nuisance, but a positive curse. He added that they would not rest until the gamblers were routed out, bag and baggage.

The Captain took his departure, and half an hour later the clergyman was amazed to see some of the pool-room magnates enter his house. They had never been there before, and he could not understand why they should come so soon after he had spoken to the pool-room men. They wanted him to "let up" in his crusade, and while noting the nature of a bribe was offered, there was a suggestion that his church would benefit. They were politely shown the door.

It is understood that a similar visit was paid to the Episcopal clergyman. The peculiar part of the affair is Sheriff Johnson's conduct. Lake Bombardier Purloine, he was threatening great things one week ago. He has not been seen since. There is a little excuse for the latter, the Captain saying the law giving the New York police jurisdiction has not been passed upon by the courts.

The Sheriff admits that the place is within his jurisdiction. Whatever advice the pool-room men received, or whatever deals they made, they carry on business now in a much different way than when they started. At first the only thing required of the better was to name the horse he favored and hand in the money. Now all are required to fill out a form, which reads like this:

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Many Novel Contests To-Night in Madison Square Garden.

Buck and Wing Dancing and a Vision from Darkyland.

An entertainment to be held at the Madison Square Garden to-night, which has set Thompson street astir, will be in the shape of a colored jubilee, winding up with a mammoth cake-walk for money prizes, in which fifty couples are entered. A premium has been placed upon fancy and original work in this event, and as such "straight business" walkers as Luke Blackburn, Proctor Knott and Luke Pulley have been debarred by the management, a close and amusing competition is bound to follow.

But the big cake-walk is only a small part of the show. It is the opening scene which will interest the public, this is called "An Hour on the Old Plantation," and will introduce prominent soloists and a chorus of 100 jubilee singers. In this will be sung such well-known negro melodies as "Take Me Home Again," "Rise Up, You Lazy Coon," "There's Little Consolation for a Darky," "Here Like This," "Who Broke de Lock on de

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The entertainment is promoted by the National Ethiopian Amusement Company.

In the cake-walk, fancy, and original walking of the genuine Southern style will catch the eyes of "Honest John" Kelly, Little Abe Hummel, and Sam Austin, the judges. Fifty couples are entered. The full programme reads as follows:

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